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J. Ruben Clark, Jr.

President J. Reuben Clark of the First Presidency of the Church gave a masterful address at the dedication of the pioneer monument, "This is the Place," at the mouth of Emigration canyon.

Local Youths Leave For College

While the Berkeley L.D.S. Institute is preparing for its second successful season, better and larger than ever, we find that some of our fine young people are looking over the Sierras to the feet of the Rockies for their alma maters. The beautiful compus of the University of Utah will find among its students this year Joyce Taylor, Joanne Gardner and Laura Summerhays, all of Berkeley, while the "grand old B.Y.U." will be somewhat gayer because of the attendance of these East Bay young people: Merrilyn and Eunice Harmon, Carolyn Johnson, Gwen Sparks, Goerge Sorensen, Kenneth Schneider, Dawna Erickson, Patsy Russell, all of Berkeley ward.

A still larger group will go to B.Y.U. from Dimond ward, including Betty Jean Clark, Reta and Keith Clement, Pat Wright, Vernell Torgeson, Gloria Jacobs, Ann Fornoff, Ilean Miller, Loraine McCarthy, Elaine Melsome and Nancy Shurtliff. Gordon Christensen will represent Alameda ward, Ed Hinckley, Pittsburg ward, Jack Dewsnup, East Richmond ward, and Mary Ann Murdock, Napa ward at the "Y."

Elmhurst ward will send a goodly delegation to either the S. F. Junior College or to S. F. State. Included in the group are Bob Brummet, Blaine and Rose Wilson, Eugene Coffin, Mary Burchell, Carl Berriman, and Zola Sutton, tho Zola will be Mrs. Carl Berriman by the time college begins.

Emery Ranker will return to Stanford University while Bill Lane of Alameda ward will enroll at San Jose State.

From Maxwell Park ward San Francisco State will see Joyce Briscoe and Glen Marchant this fall, while Bates Brian, Dean Mann and Apt Mower will attend "Cal" and Bob Scholtz will go to San Jose State.

WELFARE CENTER REPORTS

By Estella McBride

The Welfare Center on Gould street, Oakland, has had a busy season. Seven hundred twenty cartons of clothing for European relief from the two east bay stakes were condensed into 120 larger cartons, sealed, taped and strapped with metal bands ready

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High Priests Adopt Wheat Project

August 21 ,1947, High Priests of the Vallejo Ward were hosts to the High Priests of the Berkeley Stake. There was a good attendance. The main topic of the meeting was the procurement, storage and preservation of foods, and wheat in particular.

President Banks demonstrated several grains that could be stored. President Heber Ellsworth discussed the preservation of dry foods and various containers and methods of sealing.

It was unanimously agreed that the High Priests should adopt as their project the procurement of a good grade of cleaned wheat which should be made available to the individual families for their use.

Reed Gardner has accepted the chairmanship and will supervise the entire project. We feel that good containers are available at the Meyer Barrell factory, 6549 San Pablo avenue, Oakland. For example, 54-gallon quick-seal drums at $3.50 and 30-gallon ones at $2.50. Smaller containers at 25c and 50c. Pastry bakeries are reported as willing to give away smaller containers to individuals on request.

It is our intention to assist the members in increasing their security, and in so preparing our supplies to be a minimal drain on current available store supplies should an emergency arise.

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Impressions Of "Promised Valley"

By EMMA TAYLOR

A long gray streak of dusk low on the horizon reflected silver in Great Salt Lake as we entered the new Stadium Bowl on the University Campus. To the East, above the mountains, the stars were out.

We found our seats among pleasant company. To our right were friends home from New Rochelle, New York, for the Centennial; directly in front of us were (wouldn't you know it), California-Utahns. A voice from behind speculated, "This Promised Valley will be another Twenty-fourth of July pageant with players trudging across a stage pushing and pulling handcardts, a few covered wagons back stage, and and tufts of sagebrush camouflaging footlights." But the moment lights flicked on the front section of the huge four level stage and the sixty-five piece symphonic orchestra began the overture, we knew that here was a production worthy of Utah's Centennial year.

Here was a modern musical play making no attempt to present actual historical characters, but portraying the spirit motivating the pioneer migration.

The interpretive dances, depicting the burning of Nauvoo, the destruction of crops by the crickets, and the coming of the Seagulls, stirred our emotions as never a story had done. The folk dances added zest and color and the strenuous exotic Indian Dance was breathtaking in its beauty.

The fertile imagination of Sereta Jones who designed almost three hundred costumes for "Promised Valley" gave striking effects with splashes of vivid yellows, reds and greens. One gown for the leading lady was magnificent with green flounces and a scarlet plaid around the shoulders and down the front.

Humor provided by a widower and his eight sons was delightful-

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Berkeley Stake Holds Conference

In well attended sessions but under rather high temperatures, Berkeley Stake enjoyed a profitable and spirited conference August 30 and 31, 1947, in the Berkeley chapel. Congregational singing was led by Robert Sant, and two beautiful solos were rendered by Paul Summerhays and two by Mary Ann Murdock of Napa.

The newest member of the Quorum of Apostles, Matthew Cowley ,in company with a former stake member William Walsh, representing the General Welfare Committe, were in attendance at all sessions from Saturday night welfare meeting to the Fireside session ending at ten p.m. Sunday evening. Elder Cowley was in his best form, winning, humorous, profound and impressive, bringing with him many appropriate stories from the Pacific Islands missions over which he now is the president. Brother Walsh had many unique illustrations of the workings of the Welfare program which held the interest of all, and left lessons to emulate. We all rejoiced in meeting Elder Walsh once more.

Taking up the theme of the conference, the unified take and ward building program, the three members of the stake presidency touched upon various phases of this program. President Harmon quoted the revelation (sec. 82:14): "For Zion must increase in beauty and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments." He added that the most pressing and acute problem in the stake at present is that of proper places for worship and for our needed recreation and welfare activities. Berkeley stake has only 3½ meeting houses to serve ten units comprising the stake.

After long conference with President Clark, Bishop Richards, Apostle Lee and others in Salt Lake City recently, and after submitting the plan of financing the stake's unified stake and ward building program in written detail, a letter has been received from Bishop Richards approving the plan, and authorizing the stake to go forward with it, and commending the stake for originality.

"I wish now to issue an official call to all members to rally to this program in the spirit of brotherhood, every man seeking the interest of his neighbor," said President Harmon. "I call upon you in the name of the pioneers to rally to this program. Each of you will soon be visited by your ward finance committee. Receive them kindly. Remember the Lord has said, 'It is not meet that I should command in all things."

President Emery R. Ranker displayed architectural plans for the stake welfare house that are almost ready to be sent to Salt Lake for final approval, and pointed out that the need to draw many members into renewed activity is almost as important as the buildings themselves. It is a test of leadership in all the quorums and organizations, and of loyalty in all the members in general.

Pres. Wayne Mayhew pointed out that over the six years of the building plan, $750,000 will be utilized in construction, $400,000 of which may be expected from the Presiding Bishop's Office, while the members of the stake will be called upon for about $100,000 in labor and about $260,000 in cash payments, or about $35,000 per year. This breaks down into approximately $7.00 per year per individual or about

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Oakland Stake Offers Musical Festival

Rodney Pocock, stake director, announces a grand stake Centennial Musical Festival presented in the Oakland ward and stake chapel September 10, 11 and 12, at 8 p.m., by the combined choirs of all wards of the stake. This elaborate festival will commemorate the arrival of Latter-day Saint Pioneers in the Salt Lake Valley one hundred years ago.

The committee in charge includes J. Rulon Doxey, chairman, Rodney Pocok, conductor, Estrella Kaleikau, Oscar McCarthy, and William Hendershott, assistant conductors; Emma Matheson, organist; Rollin Jensen, accompanist; Joyce Briscoe, Donna Wall, and Richard Mower, violinists; and Howard Dunn, trumpet. Beatrice Larsen is chairman dress committee; Darrell Monson, continuity. Al Heiner and Geraldine Compton, readers. Emmy Stam of

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Matthew Cowley

L.D.S. APOSTLE

Matthew Cowley, newly appointed president of the Pacific Missions of the Church where he recently visited as reported in full in the Church News of August 16, 1947, was the visiting Apostle at the Berkeley stake quarterly conference, August 30 and 31.

WILLARD D. ELLIS: SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS LIFE REVIEWED

By J. Edward Johnson

Willard D. Ellis was laid away at the Sunset cemetery in Berkeley Tuesday, August 5. He passed away at his home in Berkeley August 1. He was sixty at the time of his passing—not old so far as years go.

In Ellis' death there passed from among the Latter-day Saints in the East Bay area a man to whom a greater debt of gratitude is due than is fully appreciated by the present generation. No single man has done more to exemplify among our non-Latter-day Saint friends the qualities which always command the esteem and admiration of mankind. In his case these qualities became associated in the eyes of men as those going with the Latter-day Saint. As they won him the highest respect, they at the same time won respect for the Latter-day Saints generally.

Ellis came to Berkeley as treasurer of the newly created Federal Land Bank of Berkeley in 1917. The president, treasurer and the secretary constituted the directing heads of the bank. After a short time he became secretary, and in 1920 the president. When the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Berkeley was organized in 1923 he became its head. With the creating of a number of additional agencies to serve agriculture in 1933, he became the head man as relates to the coordinating of all these agencies into an instrumentality that would serve all branches of agricultural financing, from short term crop loans to long term loans on farm lands. While his work tied in directly with Washington, he at the same time had to be conversant with all the needs of agriculture and the farmer in the four states of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. That he was general agent in this setup at the time of his death speaks volumes.

When it is realized that his position, despite theorizing to the contrary, tied in with the exigencies of politics and frequent changes of administration, it is the more remarkable that he remained the key man through thirty years ,that is, all his life after coming to Berkeley. A Democrat, and appointed in Wilson's administration ,he nevertheless came to have the backing of that rock-ribbed Republican,

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Localite Appraises Utah Centennial

BY PAUL SUMMERHAYS.

The declining heat of a midsummer's day greeted us in the late evening as we entered Salt Lake Valley from the west on Saturday, July 19. Quite a number of cars were headed away from the city at this hour having waited the passing of the heat of the day.

Sunday afternoon a drive up to the site of the Scout Camp at Fort Douglas revealed a field of weeds waiting for the romping of sturdy feet. Monday morning scouts from Berkeley Stake assembled at the Camp at 10 a.m. together with many of the fathers and mothers. It was a real thrill to greet our friends at the opening of the Scout Camp.

Among those present were members of the Harmon, Mayhew, Neering, Andersen, Larsen, Stone, Rock, Baer, Telford, Franz and Merrill families. As we stood in the camp and saw scout contingents coming from all parts of the land: Texas, Arizona, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming and all parts of Utah we thought of another contingent coming to a barren desert country a hundred years ago and passing near the spot on which we stood. The arriving scouts were called upon to clear ground and set up living quarters as did the pioneers. They in their camp came closer to the experiences of the pioneers than did most of those who attended the centennial celbration.

A drive around the city revealed a desert blossomed indeed as a rose. The lawns, flowers, trees and shrubs were well cared for. New paint was on the houses and unsightly lots were few and far between as the residents had responded to the centennial spirit by cleaning and decorating. Beauty was everywhere.

The exposition grounds on the banks of the Jordan river at North Temple street had some interesting exhibits, particularly some of the handiwork of the pioneers. Articles of clothing, house furnishings, an early edition of a jewelry store and a barber shop with a gun-toting occupant in the

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates
Oakland—October 25-26.
Gridley—November 8-9.
Berkeley—November 15-16.
Palo Alto—November 22-23.
Sacramento—September 20-21; December 6-7.

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Berkeley Stake M.I.A. Presidency

Mrs. Ardell Kay, Berkeley ward, will head the YLMIA for the coming season with LaReal Eyring as one counselor. The other counselor had not been selected at the time of the Conference, August 31, 1947. Shown left to right: Helen Burdett, gleaner activity; LaReal Eyring, counselor; Iris R. Creer, decorations leader; Ardell Kay, president; Gloria Magleby, speech arts.

More About Berkeley Stake Conference

While in the south sea islands Elder Cowley was able to completely translate into the Mauri language the Doctrine and Covenants and also the Pearl of Great Price.

One native Mauri adopted nine boys who had been orphaned by the flu, saying that he intended to raise up nine L.D.S. families. When Elder Cowley returned to the islands he found that these nine boys had married and were raising nine L.D.S. families.

One Utah LDS father deeded $60,000 possessions to his children so that he might go on public relief, and felt bitter because the Church Welfare Plan taught that this was improper and wrong. Another L.D.S. man in Arizona died and left his entire estate of $100,000 for furthering missionary and temple work by his family and others, and left none to his 13 capable children who didn't really need it. Now if any of them wishes to do missionary or temple work and cannot afford to do it, their father has left them funds for these purposes.

All during the 25 years that Elder Cowley's father was not allowed to exercise the priesthood, that father held his family to the Truth, and never himself criticised the Authorities nor allowed his children to do so. He always preached and prayed with his family at home. In fact he would have them kneel and pray before leaving when they came home to visit him. And when Matthew married, he called him to kneel and pray and then gave him his patriarchal blessing. In truth he was prepared for his mission in his own home. It is a great blessing to be raised in a Latter-day Saint home.

The Berkeley building program is something new in the Church. I would like to see it work. A great pride will come into all our hearts when we have put the plan over successfully. I think you will and should contribute more in labor than estimated. I like the idea of the wealthy wards helping the poorer wards."

One stake president told him his amazement at the stories of the unchastity that is creeping in among our young people, and at the light manner in which too many temple marriages are held and the astonishing number of requests for temple divorces that are coming in. Too many young people live the gospel properly just before and because they wish to secure a temple recommend to please their parents.

America is a nation of covenant breakers — marriage covenant breakers. No nation of covenant breakers can hope to escape destruction. All the nations are thus guilty. L.D.S. know that these covenants are sacred.

Elder Cowley had this day received a letter from San Francisco enclosing a check for $790 saved from the last M Men and Gleaners' Convention there. This fund was sent to Elder Cowley to help worthy Mauri poor families go to the Hawaiian temple. This fulfills a prophecy he had made to some Mauri families that they would be enabled to do this..

Elder Cowley has adopted a Mauri boy so that he may be educated in Zion and go back to help his people. In some of the small Mauri branches every member is a tithe and fast offering payer, and everyone keeps the Word of Wisdom.

In the evening session of the Conference on Sunday Brother Cowley told of the great and simple faith of the native islanders and of the many wonderful healings and answers to prayer they receive. A member in the hospital in the last stages of cancer was promised in administration that she should be healed and the next day it was done, and she is now well and active. A baby born blind was blessed, named, and given its sight all in the one blessing, and now has perfect sight. A woman carried out to sea by a tidal wave had faith that she would be saved ,and was mervelously preserved during 39 hours at sea and then rescued. All other warehouses on a beach were destroyed by that tidal wave but that of one saint who had knelt down in child-like faith and told the Lord that he was using his business to help the Lord's work and asked the Lord to save his building.

Uplifting talks were given at the Conference by David Wood, Heber Ellsworth, Frances Hale Leavitt, Ira Markham, James H. Kirby, besides William Walsh who represented the General Welfare committee.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Cowles

Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy E. Cowles. He is president emeritus of the University of Utah, and is teaching secondary education at the University of California summer school Professor Cowles will spend the coming year teaching the same courses at the University of New Mexico.

400 SCOUTS IN CAMP

Surely one of the most inspiring sights seen in Salt Lake City during the week of July 24th was the huge Centennial Camp on the Fort Douglas reservation. Here in their miniature tent city were the flower of our youth, some 4000 boys with their fine leaders, camping on the identical spot over which the pioneers of a century ago treked.

Fifty-three councils were represented covering all the western mountain states besides such states as Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, New Jersey, Texas, Washington, D. C., and California, and of course Arizona and New Mexico.

Besides taking part in the great Centennial parade the scouts visited the Centennial Exposition grounds, the Tabernacle for an organ recital, and countless other sights, including the great "This is the Place" monument dedication.

Berk. Stake Missionaries

In June 23 missionaries were in service, Berkeley ward six, Claremont two, Martinez two, Napa one, East Richmond one, Pittsburg four, and Vallejo seven, and they all reported 121 gospel conversions by the fourteen who were active during the month.

Elder Robert L. Phibbs of Vallejo ward has been released from the stake mission and called to a fulltime mission in the North Central States. Elders DeRoy C. Steboth of Vallejo ward, are being released after having served full length Stake Missions. Elder Lewis Osborn of East Richmond ward has been received as a new missionary.

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Berkeley Ward

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The Berkeley Ward Primary will hold its opening class September 10, at 4 p.m. All Primary-age children are urged to attend.

Sunday evening, September 7, Mrs. Minerva Bailey will present seven lovely Seagull girls for graduation.

With a vote of thanks to our former Sunday school superintendency, Joseph Eyring, Wesley Odell and Owen Cook, our eyes now rest upon the new officers, John Eastmond, Russell Ball and Dilworth Jensen. Success to them as they venture into their new labors.

In the Relief Society very interesting and educational classes have been taught this summer in textile painting and glass etching. The next class will meet at the chapel September 9. The regular Relief Society classes will begin in early October.

Enthusiasm is being stirred up by the new YMMIA president, Fleming Pope, and the YWMIA president, Mrs .Margaret Owens, as they make plans for the coming MIA year. Success to them in the responsible job now resting upon their shoulders.

The evening of August 27, a fine and inspirational farewell was held in the Berkeley Ward Chapel in honor of David B. Cummings, who will enter the mission home Setpember 8, in preparation for a New England States mission. David is leaving Berkeley August 29, for Utah and Idaho ,where he wil lvisit relatives and friends. David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Cummings, of Honolulu were able to combine business and a pleasure trip to Berkeley for their son's farewell. Mr. Cummings will return to Honolulu i the near future while his wife will remain in Berkeley for a visit.

Being married in the Salt Lake Temple August 18, at 9:30 a.m. and present at their reception that evening in the Ream home in Berkeley was not impossible to the new Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Varley, the former Marilyn Ream, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Ream.

In the company of the bride's parents, the young couple chartered a plane and flew to Salt Lake City for their marriage, had a wedding breakfast given by the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Thomas Varley ,then returned to Berkeley via a delay in Reno caused by airplane motor trouble, for a lovely reception. The newlyweds are making their home in Hayward after a honeymoon in the south.

Berkeley Stake News

The stake's comprehensive unified budgetary building program which was unanimously approved at the Berkeley stake priesthood meeting June 22 has been also approved b ythe General Authorities of the Church and is now in actual running order since a beginning was made in East Richmond ward Sunday, August 24, at a meeting attended by representatives of the stake presidency. There is considerable interest also in this matter because of the promise of a stake welfare center in the near future.

Relief Society opening Union meeting was held Friday, September 5, in the Berkeley chapel at 1 p.m. . . The Stake Relief Society recently canned about 1200 cans of pears which were donated by President Ranker, and picked, sorted and delivered by the Walnut Creek branch. . . . Now the problem is a place to store them as well as to store the clothing budget. . . . The need is very great for a Berkeley Stake welfare center as soon as possible. . . . R. S. Literary work for the year ahead will afford a change from the type heretofore studied in that it will present the literature of the Doctrine and Covenants on each second Tuesday. Emma Hinckley of Pittsburg is the stake leader of this work for the season and is thought to be eminently well qualified for helpful supervision.

The Stake Girls' Committee and ward leaders met conjointly with the Aaronic priesthood leaders at the 4th Sunday Leadership meeting under the instruction of John Soelberg, who will lead the group in a series of discussion meetings on how to deal with youth problems and delinquency. Brother Soelberg, being the principal of McClymonds high school in Oakland, is particularly well qualified to lead in fruitful forums on youth problems. The girls of East Richmond ward, under the leadership of Hilda Cheek, presented the program at the Ladies' 9 a.m. meeting at Stake Conference on August 31.

The M.I.A. opening night is set for Tuesday, September 16. The six weeks' courses in speech, arts, music, drama and dancing are attracting general interest again. The MIA will have responsibility for all Sunday night meetings of quarterly conferences from now onward. Ardell Kay is the new stake president of Y.L.M.I.A. Sister Eyring will continue as a counsellor. More organization news later .Both M.I.A. boards held a meeting and social September 2 in Berkeley chapel. Sid Fellers will be Men's Athletic supervisor in place of Flemming Pope, who has been called to become Y.M.M.I.A. president in the Berkeley ward.

M.I.A. Leadership meeting will be held in Berkeley chapel September 14 at 2:30 p. m., for all ward and stake officers.

The M.I.A. will conduct a speech and dramatic arts Institute for eight weeks beginning September 15 at 8 p.m., in the Berkeley Chapel. The purpose of the Institute will be to teach all recreation and speech and dramatic arts leaders the fundamentals of leadership in these lines. The instructors will be Kirke M. Decker and Gloria Magleby. Brother Decker has been in Los Angeles where he attended similar Institutes.

The State Sunday School Board meeting will be held September 14 in the Richmond ward chapel, and a full attendance is requested. On Thursday, August 21, the S. S. Board members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Murdock at their Napa home. They also enjoyed an excellent barbecue supper in the park near by, at which the Murdocks acted as hosts.

Allen B. Snowball of Vallejo, a member of the stake High Council, has moved to San Jose. He and his devoted wife will be greatly missed in the stake and especially in Vallejo, Napa, and Fairfield branch where their friends are legion.

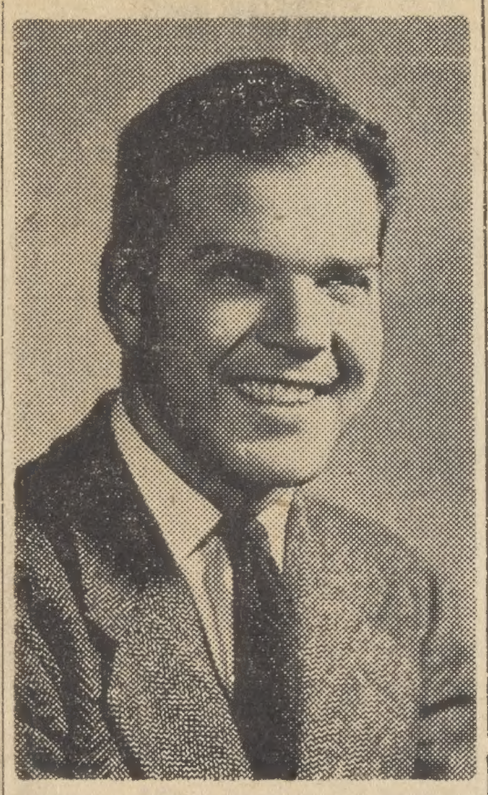
LDS Insitute Opens In Sept.

George Boyd, director of the LDS Institute in Berkeley announces the following courses for the fall term: World Religions, a year course surveying the 12 living religions of the world; History of Christian Thought, relating development of Christian theology from its ancient Hebraic origin; Mormon Doctrine and Philosophy, a searching study of the fundamental principles of Mormon living.

Registration for the courses will take place from September 23 to 28. The first Institute S.S. has been tentatively set for Sunday morning, September 28 ,at 10.

The Institute building has undergone rather a thorough facelifting during the vacation. A completely equipped apartment has been made from the upstairs rooms for the Boyd family. The basement of the Institute, formerly a number of small rooms ,has become one large recreation room. A fire escape has been installed from the second story to conform to the city ordinance.

Director Boyd spent the first part of the summer attending the summer school at BYU in Provo.



Keith Kaisford In Reims, France

Nearly one year Keith Gaisford of Claremont ward has been in France. Arriving in Paris on the 15th of November they spent two weeks sight-seeing in Paris and had Thanksgiving dinner with President and Mrs. Barker at the Mission Home. December first saw Keith and companion in Belgium staying temporarily with the branch president who kindly spent much time aiding them with the French language. The Saints were delighted to have the Elders again, invited them out often, and tried in every way to please them. Christmas being near, a Christmas program was planned and Keith and Elder Cope learned to sing "Silent Night" in French for the program. They also sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" in English.

Early in January they were called upon to speak, and soon began tracting and were able to express themselves intelligently in French due to very hard study. Leaving Belgium in mid-July Keith was transferred to the famous cathedral town of Reims, in France, there to be senior elder. Altho feeling sad at leaving his many Belgium friends, he has found the people of France cordial and willing to listen to their story, perhaps out of curiosity at seeing and hearing two young Americans with their American accents.

Altho the city of Reims was demolished by the war of 1914-18, it is interesting and the cathedral is very beautiful, its stained glass windows being "absolutely breath taking." These elders are the first Mormon elders ever to work in Reims, and they are very humble and sincere in their work.

Pittsburg Ward

The annual Pittsburg Ward reunion was an occasion for a very special day at Marsh Creek Springs on August 16. An exceptionally large crowd was on hand to swim, play softball, eat, sing and dance. (Seems the merry-go-round attracted as many adults as children.) A program around the campfire featured members of the L. D. S. Church family of Pittsburg and included Irel Father, F. C. Pearce, Rhoda Magleby and Vera and Harvey Kirby.

Once again the harvest has come for Pittsburgers. Don't refer to us as prune pickers, rather pear pickers for that is our latest project. Evenings have been occupied by a jaunt to Happy Valley for the purpose of obtaining choice pears for the welfare plan. The younger clan are still caring for and reaping a crop of prize tomatoes and beets. The slogan which has been used in Pittsburg in order to sell more tomatoes is: "Every night a stewed tomato night."

Tuesday nights in Pittsburg have meant an evening of recreation for all who care to join in at Columbia Park recreation hall. Ping-pong has been enjoyed as well as dancing and other games. As always there is a period of community singing. There also have been shown some very fine movies.

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Dorothy C. Stone

A glorious and inspirational week back home in Zion began for our family on Sunday evening, July 20, when we attended the presentation of "The Restoration" by the Tabernacle Choir.

The great Tabernacle was filled to overflowing. By music, song and spoken word we heard the restoration of our gospel. The theme was familiar, but on this night I was particularly impressed with the beauty and wonder of the thrilling story and my mind pictured the events as they unfolded.

First, there were the people who walked in darkness without a knowledge of the truth, but who were destined to become a covenant people and receive the light.

Then, a small boy, with an honest, seeking mind and a soul athrist for knowledge of the living God, in humility turned to the sweet shelter of the Grove . . .

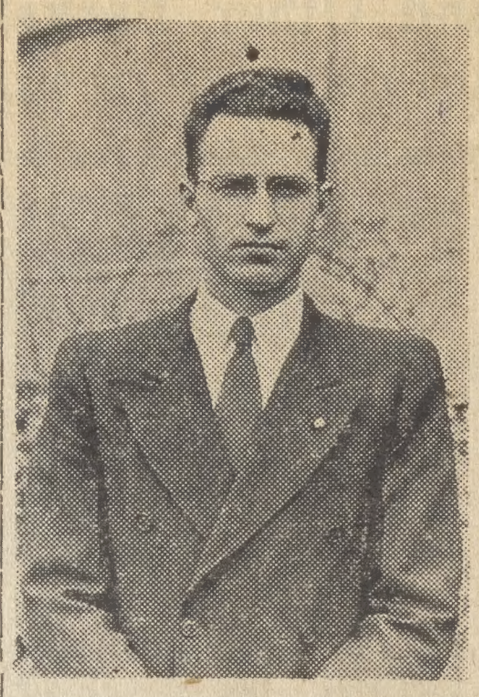
"There to supplicate and prove—
Craving His favor and His love—
If he may know;
Know that God liveth; and can hear
Even a child who need not fear
On Him to call;
Know that He answers mortal prayers,
Know that He loveth me and cares
For mortals all."
—Stephens

The boy's prayer was answered.

"Come, Come, Ye Saints," depicted the pioneers journey west to Zion. In an ode to irrigation, "Glorious Land," we seemed to behold the desert blossoming as rose, and Utah a wondrus "Valley Home."

The Choir then thanked God for his goodness in "Triumph of Faith," which recounts the legend of the seagulls, and in the selection, "Give Glory to God in the Highest." No more appropriate number could have been chosen to close this thrilling evening then "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," for silently we all thanked the Lord for our many blessings and His goodness in restoring His Church to us.

W. J. Wightman



Wallace J. Wightman was made bishop of Richmond ward Sunday, August 31 ,1947. He has not yet selected his counselors. Bishop Thomas and first counselor, Ernest Bourne, have moved from the ward.

Pittsburg's Chapel

The army chapel at the West Garrison of Camp Stoneman has come into the hands of Pittsburg as their very own LDS chapel. This acquirement of a ward chapel has been due to united efforts of many, among whom are mentioned Bishop James H. Kirby now of the stake High Council, the present ward bishopric, the stake presidency, and members of the ward who compiled a bid of "classical proportions to impress those responsible for the disposal of the building, and army chaplains, in and out of the Church, who put in a good word, and many others."

Further ward effort will go into the improvement of the building. It will need a recreation hall, and classrooms, and eventually an organ and choir loft. Bids have been put in for other army buildings which perchance may serve as recreation hall and classrooms, etc.

Salt Lake City And Utah Towns Honor Centennial

The cities and towns of Utah celebrated the Centennial of the Pioneers with almost if not quite as much fervor as did the city of Salt Lake. Ogden put on her own July 24th parade, rodeo, and other events during the entire summer weeks; Provo and Logan held their Centennial parades on the 4th of July instead of on the 24th this year, and most of the other towns celebrated in good style on one day or the other, from as early as May 18th in Cedar City to as late as September 23, in Parowan.

Besides the local celebrations there were traveling art events which traversed the state of Utah beginning as early as January, '47, but all ending by the middle of June. These art events consisted of sponsored plays, operas, art exhibits, symphonies, and the Centennial chorus from Adams ward, Los Angeles. For instance, the play, "Angel Street," played in fourteen different cities, and there were four other plays doing the same sort of thing ,while the Utah Symphony gave eleven renditions of its programs in as many spots, and the opera "Blossom Time," made 26 appearances.

From May 5th to June 6th, the Church pageant, "Message of the Ages," was presented in the Tabernacle, and then each Sunday for six weeks an oratorio or a concert was presented Sunday evenings in the Tabernacle. On June 16 and 17 the pageant, "And the Nations Shall be Gathered unto Zion," was presented in the Tabernacle.

Countless national sports events were held in Salt Lake City from January forward, the Governors' Conference came July 13 to 18, and numerous other national conferences made Salt Lake their meeting place this summer. In short, Utah from one end to the other was humming with happy activity of every sort; fairs, rodeos, parades, championship contests, plays, concerts, art displays, operas, pageants, conferences, shows, exhibits, circuses, dinners, unveling of plaques, and finally, the "This is the Place" monument dedication at the mouth of Emigration Canyon.

San Leandro Ward

This surely is the canning season in home and in ward. Since the greatest joy in life comes from service, many of our members have assisted at the Welfare House headed by our Bishopric and quorum members and families in the Stake quota of pears. Our members have always been most willing to render service when called upon either at our welfare lot or Stake House.

For a very new ward our organization is functioning fully organized and keeping pace with our Mother Ward. We have so many fine young couples in our membership and the Bishopric is endeavoring to find an activity for each of them.

As mentioned in a previous Messenger, Dave L. Chamberlin and his wife, Beth, have moved to Berkeley Stake. Dave was second counselor in the Bishopric. He was officially released on the 24th of August and was succeeded by Wilford Nelson, formerly assistant ward clerk. Brother "Bill" has lived in the Elmhurst Ward and now San Leandro since he was an adolescent, and he has grown with the progress in this locality. We know that with his understanding of young people and their recreational needs, and organizations, he will render fine service. His talented wife, Donna, will inspire through her activities in Junior Sunday school and YLMIA Gleaner program.

Several of our members attended the MIA convention in San Francisco and Oakland during the weekend of August 23 and 24, and were inspired by our visitors from Salt Lake City. We are pleased to announce the call of Teresa Sims to activity leader in the Stake MIA, also Marie Thomas to the Beehive department in the Stake MIA. Both fine workers in our ward organiztaions, taking with them a wealth of experience in varied fields.

Our YMIA will be presided over by Don Bodily, who comes to us with fine experience from San Francisco Stake, and Lorna Beach as the YLMIA president, who formerly was supervisor of our Juniro Sunday school. Our complete organization will be given to you in next month's Messenger.

Be sure to attend our opening social on Wednesday, September 17, in Elmhurst Ward chapel. Come one, come all. The MIA is for ages from 12 years until you are a centenarian.

We have been enjoying some of the finest programs and speakers during the past month at sacrament meetings. The music arranged by Verna Jackson has been outstanding. Some of our speakers have been Brother Archie Inger, Stake High Council, Dick Paul, Dave Chamberlin, William H. Evans, Stake High Council, also Brother Fairchild and visitors.

They say! What they say! Let them say! There will always be those who say! A. K. Bramwell, Maxwell Park Bishopric.

Oakland Ward

On August 23, Saturday, the Fireside Chat class journeyed up to Tilden park to have a ballgame and weiner roast. It has been reported that fun was had by all.

Oakland Ward was very fortunate on August 9, to have the Latter-day Saint boys from Treasure Island to present the sacrament program. Their theme for the evening was: "How I have gained a testimony while being in the service." The program was enjoyed immensely.

Bishop Mauss reports to us that his wife, Mrs. Ethel Mauss, is recuperating nicely from her operation on August 22, and we all wish her a speedy return to good health and to the Ward.

A great treat was in store for the Oakland Ward on September 2, when Director Darrel J. Monson presented the Chansonette Choir in their first concert, accompanied by Carol Finch and Eloise Ogden. Their musical selections were very beautifully presented. We should all keep our eyes open for their next appearance, as they are something one would never want to miss. The choir is composed of the following girls: Sopranos, Estherella Kaleikau, Lita Easton, Peggy Maus, (librarian), Donna Wall; second sopranos, Oral Alexander, Lois Brown, LaRane Burmington, Norma Lea, (secretary-treasurer); altos, Roberta Ewald, (president), Charlene Lindley, Lois Naylor, Carol Finch, (accompanist), and Eloise Ogden (accompanist.)

Mutual season is just around the corner and M.I.A. officers have been appointed and represented Oakland Ward at the M.I.A. convention on August 23 and 24. They are the following: YWMIA, President, LaRue Jones; Yvonne Phillips, manual counselor; Bernadine Adams, activity counselor. YMMIA Superintendent, Heber Brown; Ansil Smith, manual counselor; Ernest Adams, activity counselor. A very different and splendid program has been outlined for Mutual this year and we are looking forward to a grand attendance. Please watch for Mutual's commencing date—September 23.

We are happy to announce the arrival of a darling baby girl, Janice Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich (nee Elaine Peterson), who arrived on August 22, weighing seven pounds ,four and one-fourth ounces. It is reported that mother and daughter are doing well.

Dean Ogden and Robert Nelsen are prospective missionaries in the near future, we hear ,and Mrs. Bertha Uffens will soon leave for the Netherlands Mission to meet her husband there and labor with him until time for his release.

WELFARE CENTER REPORTS

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for shipping from San Francisco September 15.

The Center has been the scene of great activity since July 4. Peaches and pears have felt the touch of expert peelers and packers, the heat of the exhaust box, the turn of the automatic sealer, and the final processing of the two big retorts.

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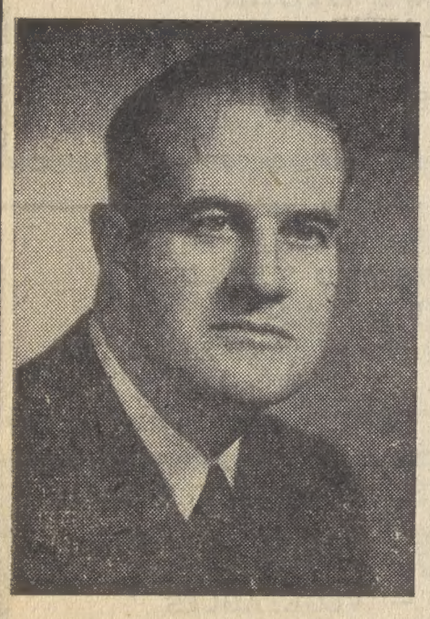

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Service Men's Home

The L.D.S. Service Men's Home in its pretty flower-decked setting on Alice Street in downtown Oakland has been opened since last May to weddings, and on September 25 George Sweeten and Jean Craig of Maxwell Park ward will hold their wedding reception there after having been married in the Salt Lake Temple. The spacious rooms and stairways make a lovely stage for weddings of our young people and the receptions on these occasions.

A dancing party for about forty couples was given August 23 at the Home by three LDS group leaders at the U. S. Naval Station at Treasure Island, Fred Wiedel, J. Garth Wright and J. C. Thrackerall for all the boys of the station who are leaving and entering civilian life again.

Navy Chaplain, Jack B. Watkins, who has been living at the Home for the past year and has endeared himself to the young people will enter the Medical School at Louisville, Kentucky, in September.

Frank Nelson ,former navy airplane navigator, was married in the Salt Lake Temple September 5 to Miss Jean Anderson.

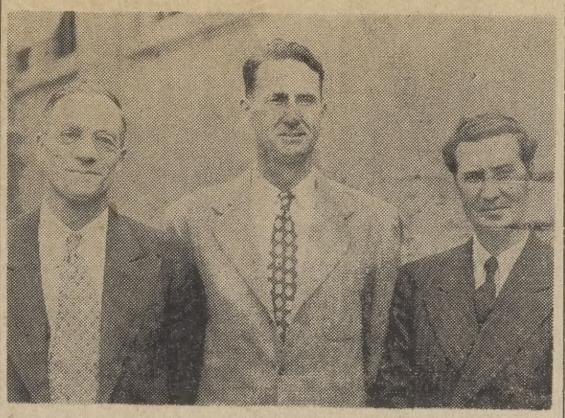
The Service Men's Home in December will again be the scene of the second Annual Art Exhibit sponsored by the Liahona Club, the LDS businessmen's club.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose J. Wright and two daughters of Idaho Falls where he is on the temple committee have been visiting at the Home. Their son is on the staff of the Home this year.

Crawford Gates, who has become famous as the composer of the music for the famed pageant, "The Promised Valley," was one of the LDS service men who was at the Service Men's Home a great deal, and helped in many musicals for the M Men's and Gleaners' parties. Marie Thomas, Home Mother, says that Crawford is a very humble and devoted Latter-day Saint.

R. Kendall Thomas and Marie, his gracious wife, have made the Service Men's Home a place of culture and delight, more beautiful inside and also about the pretty grounds, and they are loved by all who have shared their courteous and efficient hospitality, and counsel.

Fairfield Branch Presidency



The above pictured men are members of the Fairfield Branch Presidency. They are, left to right: President Horace W. Owen and his two counselors, James A. Blaisdell and Orlin I. Oliver.

Pioneer Caravan

By MRS. DELBERT F. WRIGHT.

One of the interesting features of the Centennial in Salt Lake during the week of July 24th, was the arrival of the Caravan that left Nauvoo and traveled over the same trail that the Pioneer company did one hundred years ago to the Salt Lake valley. For the most part the Caravan consisted of decendants of the first pioneer party.

The trip was made by cars that were camaflouged to look like covered wagons and pulled by a team of cardboard oxen. Seventy-two cars were in the group and they made the trip in five days, arriving in Salt Lake July 22nd, making Sugar House their first destination.

A large gathering was there to greet them. It was an unusually hot day and after waiting more than an hour it was a great thrill to see the caravan approaching down 21st South, led by President George Albert Smith, Governor Maw and Mayor Earl Glade of Salt Lake City, who had joined the caravan in the canyon.

Bro. Harold Jackson of Los Angeles, one of the members of the caravan, stated they had a wonderful trip, although it had been very hot and that they had only five hours' sleep each night. Still everyone was extremely happy that they could make the trip in memory of the pioneer Latter-day Saints.

He also said they were cordially welcomed all along the way and the people in the many cities through which they passed were very friendly and interested in the Caravan.

Everyone in Sugar House was impressed with the contrast of the entrance of the caravan that day with that of the original company of Saints arriving July, 1847, after having made the trip under such trouble and hardship and with no one to greet them when they arrived.

Vallejo Ward News

(1539 Tuolumne Street)

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ingham have planned a long time for the day when they could enter the Temple with their two children and all be sealed to one another. This they did, in the Logan Temple, when they vacationed in that area during the centennial celebration.

The favorite pioneer story to Mrs. Ingham is the one describing her great grandfather, George W. Brown, who was one of the first to turn furrows in the "new land." His outstanding achievements won a gold medal which was given to very few pioneers. His oldest grandson, Joseph Brown, Mrs. Ingham's father, resides in Richmond and possesses this keepsake.

At a Ward party held August 29, best wishes for success and good luck were extended to Robert L. Phibbs, who will depart soon for the North Central States mission.

It was not only a vacation in Idaho for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sorensen and their four children, but also an ever-to-be-remembered experience, as they went through the Idaho Falls temple where they were married for eternity and had their children sealed to them.

The Sunday school superintendency are to be commended for their efforts in procuring the slide projector which is now being used in the classes to illustrate lesson material.

A brilliant record of achievement was left by the newly released primary presidency, Georgia Coleman, Elsie Taylor and Clista Knight. Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Taylor were first sustained in the presidency ten years ago when the Vallejo primary was organized. Clista Knight had served approximately six years. Good wishes are extended to the new president, Kathryn Reed, and councelors Estelle Kelly and Ella Ingham.

It's wee Michael Ray who is now the master at the Ray Bouse residence. He arrived August 4 to the former RVean Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter on August 25.

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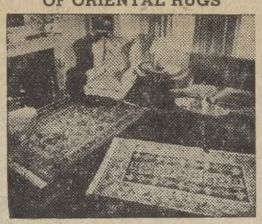

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Willard D. Ellis

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Reed Smoot. Senator Smoot backed him by reason of the efficiency he exhibited in his work at Berkeley. When Coolidge was president, Senator Smoot recommended him for the Federal Farm Loan Board in Washington. President Coolidge he was appointing him. Here, as is so often the case, there was a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip. Of course this made no difference to Willard.

He did not particularly relish Washington. He loved Berkeley and California .What he thought of Utah is evident from the fact that he retained it as his official residence for a number of years after coming to Berkeley.

That Ellis carried on through the years with Wilson, Harding, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt and Truman, giving satisfaction that even the searching ways of politics were unable to find a crack or opening in, speaks the most effectively of the efficiency with which he did his work. He could never have stayed there that long on a basis of politics. He stood on stronger ground. Herein lies a lesson for all young people. His character is exemplified as fully in his work at the bank as in any department of his life.

Several times he had offers to go into private institutions at higher salary than he was receiving from the Farm Credit Administration. He chose to stay with the work he knew the best, which his heart was in, and to give his very life thereto. His life coming somewhat rapidly to an end, breaking down almost overnight as it were ,reducing him almost instantly from the big, lithe, powerful specimen of manhood that he was ,is proof sufficient of the way he taxed even the great energy he possessed.

So much for his daily work. In what respects do the Latter-day Saints of the East Bay owe him a greater debt of gratitude than most of them realize? In this: When he came here the Latter day Saint group was small and struggling. It consisted of a few scattered saints over the wide area that now constitutes four large stakes. The members in the East Bay came to Porter hall on Grove and 20th street in Oakland from Richmond on the north, Alameda on the south, Hayward, etc., on the east. These people, not excepting the handful of students at the university who affiliated themselves with the group ,on the whole came from the humbler walks of life.

Willard and his wife affiliated themselves whole-heartedly with this group. He was one of them in their activities and aspirations. It was his automobile (he was one of the two or three in the entire group who owned an automobile) that carried his Church friends as much as it did his own family and the persons connected with his business, not only back and forth to the meetings, but the outings they had together. As the group grew and facilities for carrying on the Church activities increased, it was Ellis and W. Aird Macdonald to whom the bulk of the credit must go for the building of the Oakland chapel, the first Latter-day Saint chapel in northern California. The fact that this building is the monument it is after 25 years bespeaks their vision and realization that they were laying a foundation for greater things to come. Willard's father, John Ellis, came down from Ogden and helped construct the building. Everyone loved him for his forthrightness. The branch also became well acquainted with Willard's mother and a number of his brothers and sisters.

As the financial problem in connection with the construction of this building got beyond the abilities of the group, it was Ellis' signature on the papers at the bank that permitted the completion and dedication of the structure in regula rtime. This was an individual obligation in no way in volving the church. He acted as a member of the Oakland Branch Presidency until some time after the Berkeley branch was organized, that is, for a period of some seven years. As one of the presiding brethren of the Oakland branch he made frequent short discourses in the meetings. In these he often referrd to his missionary experiences in New Zealand.

(Continued in October)

Alameda Ward

Rose Winkel has been sustained as counselor in charge of welfare work in the Relief Society. Katie Hunt, the former counselor, found it necessary to be released because of her health.

The opening Relief Society party will be held on the afternoon of September 30. All ladies of the ward are urged to attend.

Martel and Lael Pedersen have moved to Rodeo and are managing the newly acquired theatre of Bishop Thys Winkel.

Mrs. Ethel Cullen reports that her husband, who has been ill for many years, has been taken to a rest home in Oakland. Members of the ward send best wishes to them The Relief Society is proud of their new metal chairs. The ward also has a new mimeograph machine.

Several new MIA officers have been chosen and Alameda was well represented at the recent convention in Oakland. Mary Dunn is the new activity counselor in the YW organiaztion. Ruth Overmann is the Gleaner leader and Maurine McKinley will direct the Junior girls. The Special Interest Group will be supervised by Kenneth Yates and Paul Thompson replaces Drex Smith, as YM secretary.

It is hoped that the Adelphian hall will be available September 16, for the opening social.

Mrs. Eugenia Daniels will entertain members of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers at a luncheon beginning at 12:30 on September 29.

Lee and Adeline Schow are the proud parents of a seven pound, five ounce girl who was born August 27.

Verla Janet Wilson, daughter of Granger Wilson, and Drex L. Smith were married August 30 at the home of the bride. Out of town guests for the occassion included the groom's parents, Bishop and Mrs .Stanley Smith and a brother, Udelle, of Enoch, Utah; Maxine Gailey of Salt Lake City and Alice Curtis of Oregon, relatives of the bride. The ceremony was followed by a reception after which the couple left for a brief honeymoon. They plan to reside in Alameda.

Claremont Ward

Bishop Millward and wife recently returned from a vacation spent in Utah's park wonderland. The trip agenda included Logan and Salt Lake City.

A missionary farewell party was held for Reed B. Harker, September 3, at the Berkeley Ward chapel. His missionary activities will be in France. He carries the prayers and best wishes of all the saints on his mission.

Right this way, ladies and gentlemen! The Claremont Primary Carnival hails you with laughter, fine food and entertainment. Sizzling hot dogs and pink lemonade, ice cream and home-made goodies will lure the pennies right out of your pockets. There's to be a dark-eyed gypsy to read your palm, a photography man to catch your smile and a FISH POND. Bring the children and join the fun at 7:00 p.m., September 12, at the Claremont Ward Chapel.

Annetta and Don Wood are planning a trip across the nation. Don is a delegate of the East Bay Underwriters' Association to the national convention of Life Underwriters which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. They plan to visit with their missionary daughter, Marjorie, in Lansing, Michigan, before they return home.

The Claremont Ward Relief Society wishes to announce that the weekly meetings will be held Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 o'clock. The second Tuesday of each month is work day and will convene at 10:00 a.m.

Liahona Club News

The regular monthly meeting of the Liahona Club, held at the Coit Hotel, Oakland, was entertained by Dr. Robert Larsen of the Oakland Stake High Council and Mrs. Larsen who showed kodochrome pictures of an airplane trip that Doctor Larsen made recently to England in the interest of the Shell Oil Company of Oakland, where he serves in an important position.

The pictures were unusual in such features as the waste lands of Newfoundland but the remarkably handsome airfield hotel, the green landscape of Ireland, the countrysides of old England, the houses of parliament, Big Ben, Westminster, London Bridge, The Tower, and the pitiful destruction left by the war, the homes of the middle class, L.D.S. headquarters, and sundry views of the people, the children, and the residences near London.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBIT

The Club voted unanimously to again sponsor an Annual Art Exhibit since the first one held last December had received such generous commendation both by the people in general, the artists, and the press. President Wm. E. Evans appointed the following committee to conduct the exhibit which will be held near the first of December ,it was stated: Sam Scott, Eugene S .Hilton, Charles Stamps, Curtis R .Bybee, John Stirrat, and Don Allphin. Other members may be called in as the committee desires.

JOHN HINKLE PARK AFFAIR

The next meeting of the Club will be ladies' night, the annual dinner and program evening when the wives are guests. This year it will be held in September at a date to be announced and at the club house in John Hinkle Park in Berkeley.

Cent. Mounted Drill Parade

One of the most delightful sights of the Centennial events in Salt Lake City was the riding club parade by the various towns of Utah, a feature that was seen in the afternoon of July 16. Participated in by clubs of from 40 to 60 mounted men, and coming from Price on the south and Cache county on the north, the parade of beautiful horses, especially showy saddles, handsome men in uniform riding club garb, passed along for over forty minutes, each team vying with the others in most spectacular drills across the wide streets of Salt Lake's business district on State and Main.

Prizes of $1000 first and $500 second may have added to the perfection with which the various teams performed their varied drills, but it was apparent that each home team had taken hours of patient and expert practice in their own communities. Riding clubs seem to be very popular up and down the state of Utah.

The men who were riding the splendid horses were from every walk of life; doctors, lawyers, merchants, craftsmen, farmers, and all who enjoy the delightful hobby of riding for recreation and raising fine horse flesh. The idea of combining into riding clubs for social rides and parties, and for perfecting themselves as clubs in intricate drills for public parade purposes much like the fraternal drill teams that one sees in city parades, seems to have caught fire in the state of Utah from one end to the other.

The winning team came from Salt Lake county and called themselves the Utes; the second team came from Davis county. Both of these winning teams were in the famous July 24th parade, and at the rodeo at the Fairgrounds for a week.

D. B. Cummings

David B .Cummings, Berkeley ward's sixth missionary, will lebor in the New England mission under President Dilworth Young.

Berkeley Stake Primary News

The first stake union meeting of the season was held Friday, August 29 ,in Berkeley chapel. All ward Primary workers are enthusiastically preparing for the opening of winter Primary in September.

Sister Lavern Parmley, first counselor to the General Primary president ,who has spent the summer in Berkeley, was present to give an inspirational talk.

We are all looking forward to the big convention to be held conjointly with Oakland stake on September 20. Two members of the General Board will be present to conduct the meeting. The convention will be held in Berkeley ward. We urge all ward primary officers and teachers to be present on this day to receive the messages from our leaders.

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Oakland Stake News Items

BY ELSIE LYONS.

Roy F. Weindorf, Senior President of the 247th Quorum of Seventy in the Oakland Stake, reports that during the month of October, programs will be held in each of the Wards, commemorating the Pioneers. These meetings are being held under the direction of the First Seven Presidents of the Seventy in Salt Lake City.

The Fourth Quorum of Elders (Maxwell Park Ward), report that they are just finishing a successful paper drive.

The Welfare Project for Oakland Stake this year is pears—and more pears! The seven wards have taken alternate shifts, and are doing a very nice job of canning. The ladies do the peeling, and the men do all the heavy work—nice cooperation!

The Oakland Stake Sunday School Superintendency announce a Union meeting in Dimond Chapel, Sunday, September 21, at 2:30 p. m. All Sunday School officers and teachers are expected to be in attendance. An excellent program has been prepared.

The Girls' Committee of Oakland Stake joined in the Stake M.I.A. Convention held August 23 and 24. The General Board Members very ably handled subjects pertaining to this particular group of workers: Our program for Girls and Its Potentialities was given by Sister Wigginson, and —The Girl of Today the Woman of Tomorrow by Sister Hazel Brockbank Bowen.

Next month the Girls' Committee will hold its regular meeting on the Fourth Sunday of the month, at leadership meeting.

The opening Socials for Mutual will be held in each of the wards on September 16. Regular work will begin on the following Tuesday, September 23. Come on, let's go!

On Tuesday, August 26, the Primary Stake Board entertained Sister La Vern W. Parmley, 2nd Counselor in the General First Presidency of the Primary, who has been visiting in the Bay Region from Salt Lake City, at a luncheon at Internation Kitchen, near Niles. The party later visited at the home of Archie Inger, High Councilman of Oakland Stake, who is also a very fine artist. He displayed his newest canvas, "Light of the World," and told the story which led to his decision to paint the picture. It is very beautiful, and we know many will enjoy it as we did. Altogether, it was a very lovely afternoon.

On Tuesday, August 12, the Berkeley and Oakland Stake Primary Boards held a joint meeting in the lovely newly-decorated lounge of Berkeley Ward. A very fine program was held, during which plans for the Primary Convention, to be held September 20, in Berkeley Ward, were discussed. After the meeting, refreshments were served — but not, dear friends, in the lounge! We were very considerate, and kept our crumbs off that nice carpet.

All Primary Officers and Teachers, attention! Remember that Primary Convention will be held September 20, at Berkeley Chapel. General board members and your own Stake Boards will be there to give you much inspiration and instruction. So circle the date in RED on your calendar, and plan to be there.

Primary Stake Award Night will be held in the Dimond Chapel on Friday ,September 26, at 8:00 p. m. The program, "For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," is being presented for the purpose of showing the place "Primary" holds in the Church, and what it is doing for your child. Awards will also be presented to each child graduating from Primary during the past year. The Primary Presidency cordially invite each member of the stake to be present—and promise you very worthwhile evening. Let's show them we're behind them, and fill the hall. Shall we?

The Oakland Stake is looking for a farm for welfare purposes. Several farms have been under consideration. . . . Richard Allphin, counselor in Maxwell Park bishopric, has moved into Berkeley Stake. . . . David L. Chamberlin has been released as counselor in the San Leandro bishopric, and Wilford Nelsen has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

Berkeley Mothers and Daughters Program Committee

In the picture are shown most of the members of the Berkeley stake Quarterly Confernce Mothers' and Daughters' program cimmittee, comprised of the lady heads of auxiliary organizations. Shown at the left are the East Richmond group who, under direction of Hilda Cheek, girls' leader, furnished the program Sunday morning, August 31, for the ladies' meeting at 9 a.m.

Hayward Ward

It is with pleasure we announce the call to a mission of one of our favorite sisters in Hayward Ward. Jeanne Sheppard, daughter of Bro. and Sis. W. G. Sheppard, is going to preach the gospel in the Northern States Mission. Although born in Utah, Jeanne has spent most of her years in California and has always been a faithful worker in the Ward, especially with our children. She has been an active teacher in Primary and Sunday school and also she was secretary of our Gleaner Girls class. Her experience as a Stake missionary will help her in her future work. When asked how she felt about going east, Jeanne was undecided as to what excited her most—the prospect of preaching the gospel or seeing snow for the first time. Our faith and prayers go with her.

The possible completion of our beautiful chapel is no longer a dream but a wonderful reality. Work is progressing steadily. Men and women work hard from six to nine on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and enjoy a pleasant moment of chat and refreshment at quitting time. On Saturdays they work all day and are served a hot lunch by the Relief Society. We extend to all members of the Oakland Stake an invitation to lend a hand in building another "house of the Lord."

Seven of our Beehive girls participated in the Stake camping trip to Redwood Lodge. They were accompanied by Sisters Lillus Haws and Helen Smith.

Dimond Ward

We want to congratulate Martha and Reginald McKaig who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on July 15.

We want to say good-bye and good-luck in their new vetnures to Duane and Marjorie Crooks who are moving to Provo to that Duane may attend B.Y.U.; to Naomi Booth who will leave with them and also go to the B.Y.U.; to Elaine and Bill Prusse who have moved to Denver because of Bill's work and to Claude and Ruth Lundquist who are moving to Kanab, Utah, where Claude is going to teach art and manual training.

There has been a major shake-up in our ward organizations and we want to sincerely thank all the officers and teachers who labored so faithfully last year for their fine work and willing cooperation. Phyl Hilton is new ward clerk and Bob Smith is the new counselor in Sunday school; Joe Tanner and John Kai are secretary and assistant secretary. In the Y.M.M.I.A. Nita Brossard is president and Lee Ashby and Mildred Morgan are her counselors, and Margaret Lewis is Era director. Dr. Priddy, a new member of our ward and a doctor at the Oakland Veterans' hospital is president of the Y.M.M.I.A. and has chosen Dee Smith as one of his counselors. M.I.A. opening party will be Tuesday, September 16, at 8 o'clock, and regular classes begin Tuesday, September 23, at 7:30 pm. Everyone come and support the new officers.

Relief Society starts regular meetings on October 7.

Send all children to Primary starting Wednesday, September 10, at 3:45 p.m.

Members of the Adult Aaronic Priesthood have completed their group organization with Clyde Russell and Charles Maurer as advisors. Stacey Thomas is president and Fred Harkins and George Price his counselors and John Kai as secretary. They hold bi-weekly classes at homes of the members to study the gospel and invite other members and investigators to join them.

The Bee Hive girls of Oakland Stake furnished our sacrament meeting program on August 31. We want to thank all those who participated for the fine job they did and all the leaders for their time and effort.

New Missionaries

"We are watching the barometer of our stake list of missionaries very anxiously," said President W. Glenn Harmon at the large farewell party given in Berkeley ward in honor of David B. Cummings who will fill a mission in the New England states. This makes six full-time missionaries from Berkeley ward, still short of the Church minimum of one missionary for each one per cent of the church population. Elder Cummings' farewell featured the Cummings family in an interesting way. One sister, Emmy Lou Ludlow, sang a solo, another sister, Marjorie Pyle, rendered an organ solo, while Charlotte Cummings, the mother, and David Cummings, the father, gave witty and impressive talks. The Singing Mothers rendered lovely numbers.

Reed Brown Harker of Claremont ward was given a beautiful Farewell September 3 prior to his departure for the French mission. Commissioned an ensign at Northwestern University, and seeing varied service in the war, Reed later entered B.Y.U., and last spring received his B. S. degree. He was born in Canada under the shadow of the Cardston Temple, and having his life shaped by that holy House of the Lord and by those who lived in its influence. Reed has always been a faithful, intelligent Church worker. His principal efforts so far have been in Scouting. He counts his mission call as "a real thrill," and we know that he will acquit himself with credit.

Elder W. Scott Barrett In Colorado

Since February Elder Barrett has been supervising the missionary activities of 21 elders and two lady missionaries in the West Colorado district, headquarters at Grand Junction. Having upwards of 2000 members the district is well organized with a district presidency, council and heads of Auxiliary organizations.

Much of Scott's time is spent in traveling, he writes, and "holding meetings is probably the most interesting thing that I do and I enjoy it very much," he continues. "The members are all very hospitable and it is very inspirational to see the happiness of those good families who are living their religion as they should. The missionaries are the finest, and I enjoy my association with them more every day."

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Maxwell Pk. News

Everyone's having vacations—Our bishop and his family and our ward clerk and his family are enjoying theirs' now.

Let's all cooperate on helping on our various welfare projects. We do appreciate the participation of all our loyal members. It's lots of fun ,too, so next time we want EVERYONE to turn out. Those who went to the Welfare House to can pears did a fine job.

Louise Collins, one of our faithful Sunday school teachers, and her family are moving back to Ogden, Utah. We wish them lots of happiness in their new work. We hear her husband, Elwood, is going to be a W. C. Martin Chromite salesman there.

Jean Krage, who is to be married to George Sweeton of Malad, Idaho, in Logan Temple on September 17, was the guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Betty Lou and Rosette Thomas recently.

Our Primary program for the winter season opens with a party for the children on September 2. Let's all support this fine organization and see that our children receive the benefit and spiritual guidance they deserve . . .

Remember Mutual and Relief Society get underway in September, too, so listen for announcements at coming meetings. We had lots of fun at our "chili swim" last Tuesday evening.

Brother Al Fontano and Lawrence Allphin are doing a splendid job as our two new assistants in the Sunday school We are going to give you brief biographies on these new officers in future issues of the Messenger.

Congratulations to Ruth and Howard Thomas, our newest newlyweds, who during the past month were married at the LDS Service Mens' home. A lovely reception was held following the ceremony The couple, along with Winnie and Charlie Martin, were sealed in the Logan Temple during the month of July.

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Elmhurst Ward

Primary Conference was held August 24, under the direction of President Lucille Brown with First Counselor Eloise Harris conducting. Sister Lesser, Primary Stake president, Dorothy Jacobs and Brother Archie Inger of the Stake High Council, supervisor of Primary organiaztions were present. Sister Lesser spoke of the importance of prayer in the home and gave an inspirational talk to the children and parents. Brother Inger's theme was: "Love for the Children." He expressed his love for every child, and not having children of his own was able to give them all his love. Piano solo was given by Eileen Packer and poem by Yvonne McBride. There was singing by all the children under the direction of Rowena Basinger. Sister Ena Squires, second counselor, presented the Seagull girl graduates to Sister Blanche Blackburn, the Bee Hive Keeper in Mutual. Those graduating were: Dana Brush, Yvonne McBride, Eileen Packer, Joanne Partington, Caryl Lee Jacobs. A large attendance was present.

We are sorry to lose Brother and Sister Walter Mason and family who are moving to Idaho. Brother Mason was second counselor in Sunday school and Sister Mason was supervisor in Junior Sunday school.

Walter Basinger has been chosen as second counselor in Sunday school and Rowena Basinger as Junior Sunday school supervisor. Other changes also have been made. Ruth Osmond is our new Sunday school secretary; Inez McFarlane, Sunday school teacher; Sister Rencher, assistant Ward organist; Adrian Schipper, deacon's advisor and John Dutson, Ward teachers' supervisor. We know these new officers will be an inspiration in their calling.

Elmhurst Ward members have shown their enthusiasm in working at the welfare center canning pears. The young folks, too, have been wonderful helpers. Enough cannot be said of Sister McBride who is working day and night on this project. She is always a willing and untiring worker. Everyone should take this opportunity to help. The blessing is yours.

Carl Berriman was baptized August 4, by Robert Brummell, who was instrumental in converting him. Carl and Zola Sutton will be married early [illegible]

Melba Muir, daughter of James and Alice Muir, surprised her family and friends by being married last spring. Melba and Dick are now living in Claremont Ward.

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many to a past generation. The more modern exhibits were present, and an excellent show of fireworks at night. California was represented with a booth. Old and young enjoyed the Midway.

At Sugarhouse the next day a welcome was given to the members of the pioneer caravan trek who followed the original trail from Nauvoo to Salt Lake in modern cars decked up with canvas covers and replicas of oxen on the side of the motor. A cowbell or two added to the reality of our imagination. In the crowd that gathered in the square awaiting the belated arrival of the caravan, were many women dressed in pioneer costume. As for the men, Ah! those beards, they were crowning embellishments of a bygone day. A large group of native citizens had little on but the war paint of Indians and they simulated an attack on the arriving caravan. Appropriate tribute was paid to the earlier band of pioneers by Presiden Smith, Governor Maw and others.

All who attended the grand parade on July 23 and 24 enjoyed it greatly but missed the slow tempo of a real live pair of oxen pulling a prairie schooner. Yet traffic jams did not dampen the enthusiastic reception accorded the various floats, marchers and bands given by thousands of watchers.

Salt Lake was indeed the crossroad of the continent during July. It was not unusual to find a New Yorker sitting alongside a friend from California at the parade and renewing old times without prior arrangements for the meeting.

The "This is the Place" monument dedication took place under a hot morning sun which turned many lily-white skins to a firey red. Don't miss seeing the monument lit up at night. It is breathtaking when silhouetted against the mountains in the moonlight.

Unfortunately I did not hear the Tabernacle Choir in any of its special concerts, but those who did attest to the splendid singing of this outstanding group. I did hear a Sunday morning radio broadcast where a number of the Mormon hymns were sung. It is said that these same songs brought forth feelings of deep emotion to a great many of the Governors and their wives at a special concert given for them by the choir during the Governors' convention.

The musical show "Promised Valley" was excellent and gave added strength to the conviction that our pioneers left us a wonderful heritage of sacrifice for truth. It was staged under moonlit skies in the expanse of the University Stadium with the Wasach Mountains as a backdrop. By chance the Robert G. Larsen family parked their car right next to ours at the staduim which was quite a coincidence since he had just flown in from London, England that day. Bishop Timothy Morely, with his centennial whiskers, was standing near the gate as we entered.

Friday saw the breakup of the Scout Camp and once again we saw a number of the Berkeley Stake members as we waited under the replica of the Golden Gate bridge for the boys to fold their tents and say goodbye.

We heard several, including the Jarmon, Baer and Andersen families, had trouble with cars heating up ,either coming to or going from Salt Lake, but all seemed happy to have been a part of this celebration. It was hardly possible that any should have come away without saying in their heart that Brigham Young and his intrepid followers found the right place.

Martinez Ward

Natalie Sant, whose daughter, Jeanne, expects to become a September bride, is now in Salt Lake City preparing for the event. Bob expects to leave the 5th to join them and will return the 13th. The lucky man is Durland Carney, a veteran attending the University of Utah. He is building their future home in Taylorsville, near Salt Lake City where they will reside.

The Easton family is vacationing in Utah, where Pat and Andy will soon enter school in Provo. Others leaving for school are Glenona Robison, UCLA; Frances Nix and Sharon Dolan, UC at Berkeley; Shirley Wanlass and Marian Barber, BYU in Provo; and Joan Barber, agricultural college in Logan, Utah.

Michael Rickie Thompson entered this world Friday, August 22, at Jackson Lake hospital, Oakland. For the present time he and his mother, Martha Carter Thompson, will be at home to their friends at 781 Wilson street, Mountain View.

The regular MIA meeting will start September 23 .Allen Hardy is the YMMIA president, replacing Ira Markham, who has been called to serve as a member of the Stake High Council .Gale Roskelley is the first counselor to Allen Hardy.

Michelle Nix, who was visiting friends in Los Angeles for a month, joined the Markham family for a few days.

Oakland Stake Offers Musical Festival

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Alameda will be the guest soloist, and Lloyd Sparks, boy soprano.

A uniform program will be presented each evening. The time periods covered include Ancient Israel, Meridian of Time, Early Modern Time, The Restoration, The Gathering, The Exodus and Migration, and In the Valley.

Musical numbers to be rendered include: "Babylon's Wave," by Gounod; "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning," by Coombs; "Hosannah," by Granier; "O, Divine Redeemer," by Gounod; "The Omnipotence," by Schubert; "The Mountain of the Lord's House," by Spender Cornwall; "What Was Witnessed in the Heavens," by Evan Stephens; "The Morning Breaks," by Evan Stephens; "Finlandia," by Sibelius; "Through Deepening Trials," by George Careless; "Come ,Come, Ye Saints," by William Clayton; "My Father, For Another Night," by Rossini; "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy," by Evan Stephens, and "Hosannah Anthem," by Stephens as the finale by combined choirs, solo by Emma Stam, and trumpet obligato by Howard Dunn.

Friends from both stakes are invited. Phone any of the committee or bishops for tickets. Silver offering at door.

Berkeley Stake Holds Conference

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$20.00 per family. Taking the average family this will mean about $30.00 in cash and $15.00 in labor per year.

MATTHEW COWLEY, Apostle.

Some highlights of Elder Cowley's addresses include the following:

John the Baptist preached the welfare program when he said "He that hath two coats let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat let him do likewise."

Elder Cowley spent five years on his first mission to the south sea islands, and then seven years as president of the mission and returned to Salt Lake, and to his surprise was called to the apostleship. Since then he has never had the opportunity of taking his own son with him to Sunday School so much is he called to be away from home.

Impressions Of "Promised Valley"

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ly fresh and wholesome. We won't forget the Shirt song—the melody of the shirts.

Sixty colored flood lights, eight Hollywood sun spots and hundreds of other lamps gave perfect lighting to every scene, but in the night scene "On the Plains near the Platte River" we looked to the heavens to a near full moon and thought, "even so, on the plains near the Platte River—1847."

Those of us who were hopeful that something worth while and lasting in the way of music would come out of Utah's Centennial were well satisfied with 25 year old Crawford Gates' outstanding score to "Promised Valley." We were told young Gates composed most of this score in a studio in the Church Office Building and acknowledges he was given inspiration from heaven.

To the composer, author, directors, stars, ballet and choruses —to all in charge of production of "Promised Valley," we say, "It was a night to remember—a night commemorating achievement of a rugged and purposeful people."

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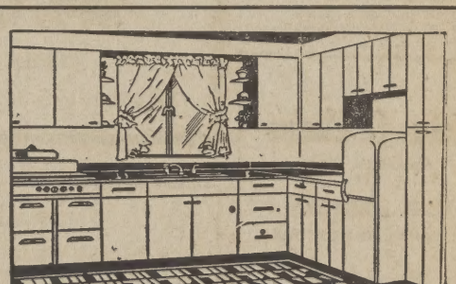
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